

OAC Australia / New Zealand Leadership Trip

Shane Riddle

Mentor: James Tichgelaar

Major: Mechanical Engineering



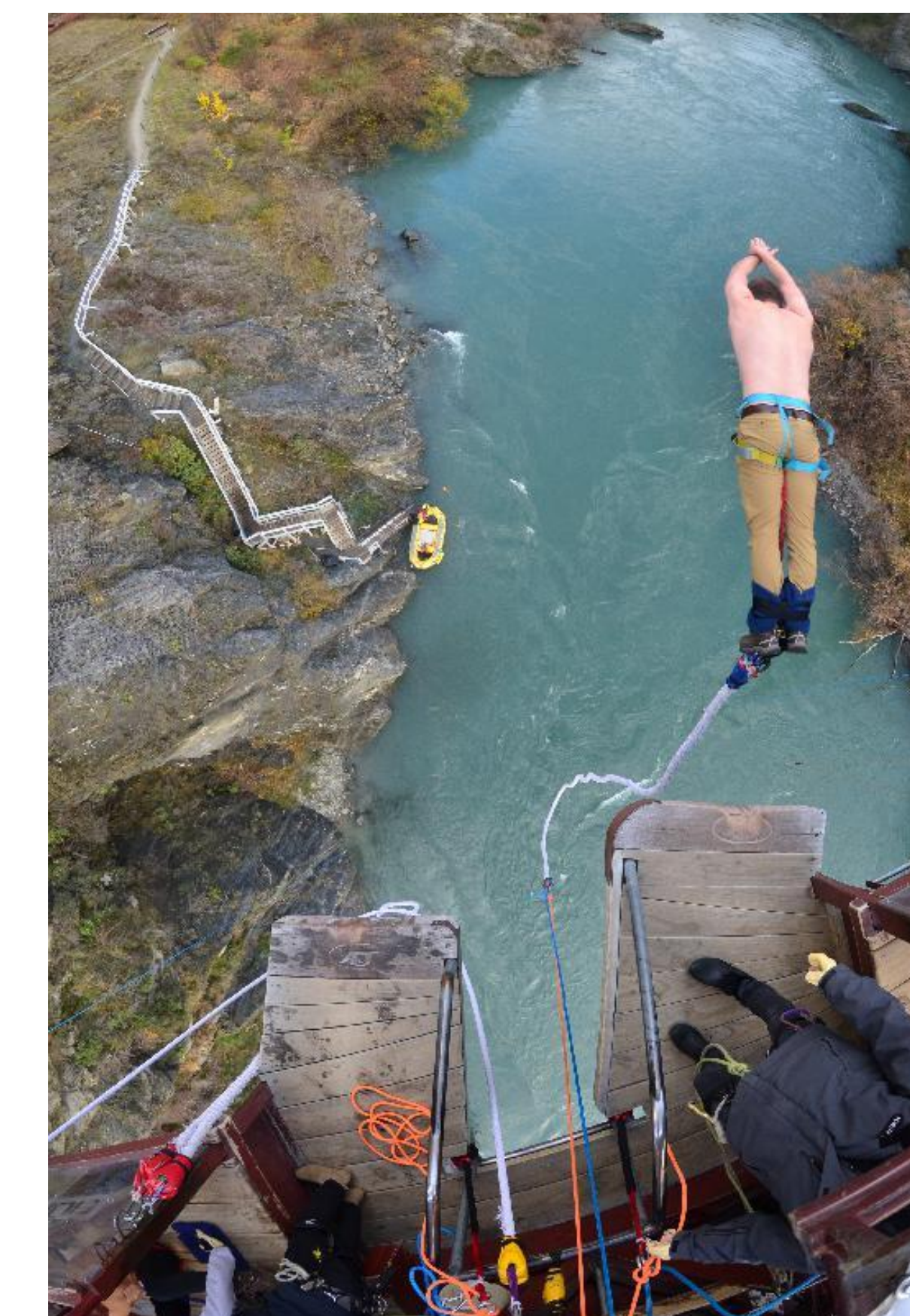
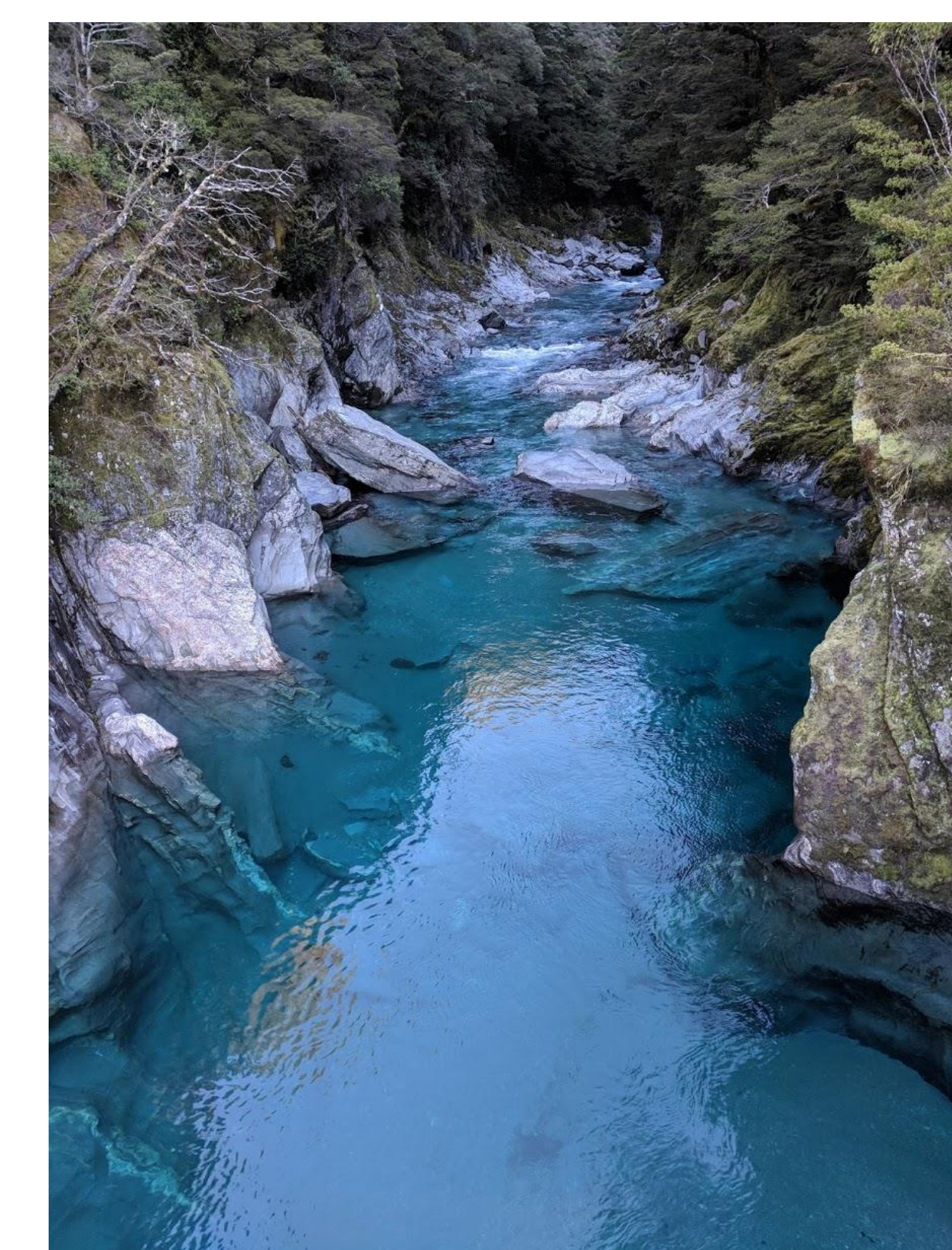
Why Did I Choose This?

I really wanted to travel and gain some worldly context. I had never left the country before this and I had a strong urge to see what I was missing out on.



How Did it Change Me?

I caught the travel bug and now I just want to go everywhere! Also, having led the group multiple times I was able to truly experience leadership and gain a better understanding of good leadership practices. The icing on the cake was making 21 awesome friends along the way! (see above)

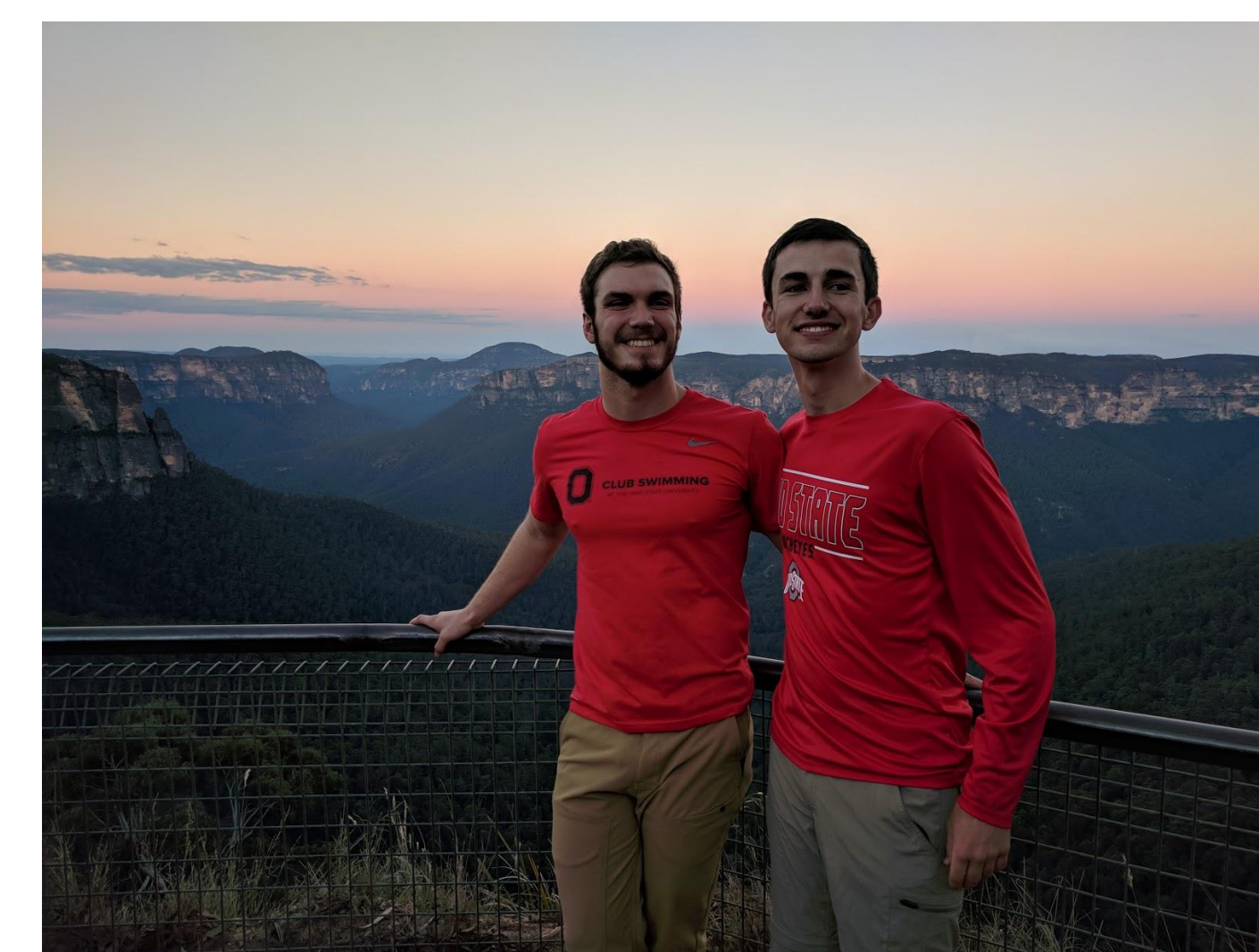


What Did I Do?


- Spent 21 days travelling all around Australia and New Zealand.
 - Skydived (I fell through a cloud!)
 - Snorkeled the Great Barrier Reef
 - Rafted through the Daintree Rainforest
 - Hiked Australia's Grand Canyon, and many other incredible trails
 - Explored Sydney (Bondi Beach, Surfing)
 - Cruise through the Doubtful Sound
 - Queenstown adventure day (bungee jumping, jet boating)
 - Lake Wanaka (kayaking, mountain biking)
 - Helicopter to the top of a glacier
- Performed daily leadership duties
 - Leader of the day
 - Cooks, Snack Sargent, Water Wizard, etc.



As you can see I was not disappointed!



THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

For more information
Scan this! 
Link is to last year's posting



STEP

Second-year Transformational
Experience Program